श्री जयन्तीलाल वीरचन्दभाई शाह : इसका टार्गेट तो 18 मिलियन टन निर्धारित किया गया है जिसमें खरीफ 10 मिलियन टन और रबी का हमने 8 मिलियन टन का लक्ष्य रखा है।

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: This Ministry has no integrted policy regarding the export and import of oil-seeds. Coconut is the backbone of Kerala's economy. And if I put a question about import and export of coconut I expect the Minister would rise and say, "It does not pertain to my Ministry". But ultimately the question is: What is the policy of this Government? When import or export of oils and oil-seeds products is done, are the concerned State Governments consulted, when such action is taken about oil-seeds and products of oil-seeds? I would like the Deputy Prime Minister to answer because it is a question which pertains to the entire policy of the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think, Mr. Sreedharan, you yourself were a Minister of Commerce, it does not come under the Ministry of Agriculture: it comes under the Ministry of which you were in charge earlier. It does not come under the Ministry of Agriculture.

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: You have not got my question. The question is when a decision is taken to export or import oil-seeds or oil-seeds products, whether the Ministry of Agriculture consults the Ministry of Commerce or give directions to the Ministry of Commerce so that the oil-seeds of a particular State are not adversely affected.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you import or export oil? They don't You do it ..

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: When complaint was made that as a result of the import of conocnut oil the entire State was adversely affected, it was brought to the notice of the Agriculture Ministry also. What steps were taken to ask the Commerce Ministry not to do this anti-social activity?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr Sreedharan, you have said "also".

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: We did not permit it in V. P. Singh Government; it was a Ministry for the people, for the agriculturists.

Decline in the Room occupancy rate in the ITDC Hotels

*123. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the room occupancy rate in the ITDC Hotels has gone down this year as compared to that durmg the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Marketing Division of the ITDC to counteract the low occupancy of foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH): (a) The average room occupancy of ITDC's 25 owned hotels has registered a decline of 7 per cent during the financial year 1990-91 (up to Nov. 90) as compared to the same period in 1989-90 and 1988-89 and a decline of 6 per cent as compared to 1987-88.

(b) The overall prevailing situation in the country and its adverse publicity abroad are the main reasons.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Hotels Sales Division of the ITDC to improve the occupancy of foreign tourists:—

(a) Sponsoring familiarisation tours of foreign travel agents and travel writers to India.

(b) Aggressive marketing in Travel Trade Fairs like ITB Berlin ASTA FITUR WTM etc. and sales promotion in select countries abroad.

(c) Signing of special rate contract with foreign tour operators by offering incentives on Volume business to encourage group tourism.

(d) Establishing direct contact with major tour operators and travel agents abroad for promoting traffic to India.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, the point is that the Minister admits that there has been a decline in the occupancy of the ITDC hotels. She is candid and she has accepted that there is a decline in the occupancy. But while discussing the reasons for it, it is made to appear as if there has been a decline in the flow of tourists and because of the decline in the tourist inflow the occupancy rate has declined. That is what she means. But my point is that the hotel rooms are occupied not only by the foreign tourists, but also by the Indian citizens. They are not meant for them only and they are not tourist hotels. Therefore, the question that is important is that the decline in occupancy cannot be directly related only to the decline in the inflow of tourists, but it has to be related to the decline in the services rendered. Everybody knows that the ITDC hotels are in a total mess. The management is corrupt, the services have gone down, the standard of food has gone down and there has been a persistent complaint and the Government has been turning a deaf ear to the complaints about the deteriorating service conditions in the ITDC hotels. Therefore, I would like to request the Minister to tell me whether this decline in the occupancy is due to the decline of standards and the rise in costs and, if so, whether the Government has looked into it and what the Government proposes to do to bring about improvements in the service conditions of the ITDC hotels.

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Do you suggest privatization of the ITDC hotels?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I will answer you after the Minister has answered my question.

श्रीमती उषा सिंह : सभापति महोदय, यह विवरण सभा के पटल पर रखा है; उसमे आकूपेंसी प्रतिशत मे कमी आई है । फारेरन टूरिस्ट्स हमारे आते थे उनकी इसमें आकूपेंसी बहुत ज्यादा थी जो कि पिछले साल की कानून व्यवस्था की गड़बड़ियों के कारण बहुत ही कम हो गई है । अभी मैंने सदन को बताया कि उसमें सात प्रतिशत की कमी आई है माननीय सभापति महोदय यह मैं मानती हूं कि इस होटल की कंडीशंज खराब थी उनके रख-रखाव पर खर्च नही किये गये थे और पिछले 20 वर्षों से होटल के कमरो के रेनोवेशन नही हुए थे, आज रेनोवेशन के काम चल रहे है और बहुत जल्दी ही उसका काम खत्म किया जाएगा ।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Then she admits that there is a decline because for the past twenty years there has been no innovation at all, Sir,.... (*Interruptions*)... The Minister admits it and I thank her for this plain statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't put words into the mouth of the Minister. She said that there has been no renovation and not 'innovation'.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, lack of innovation also leads to decline in standards.

MR. CHAIRMAN: True. But she has said that there has been no renovation only.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, recently there was a statement from our Deputy Prime Minister in the Press that he would welcome even the ill-clad persons to occupy the rooms in the ITDC hotels. This is what has appeared in the Press; I do not know. It seems that he has said that they can occupy these hotels at a concessional rate. I would like to know whether, in view of the fact that there has been a decline in the occupancy of rooms in the ITDC hotels, the Government proposes to allow reduced rates for the lower-middle class or middle-class people

or for the peasants as has been suggested by the Deputy Prime Minister. This is part (a) of my question.

I now come to part (b) of my question Is it true that the services rendered and the conditions in these ITDC hotels are deteriorating because of the worsening industrial relations?

The trade unions have been complaining for a long time that the management does not sit with them and the management is trying to privatise some part of services. My supplementary (b) will be: What steps would the Government like to take to improve the industrial relations in the ITDC hotels?

श्री देवी लाल : चेयरमैन साहब, जहां तक आमदनी की कमी का ताल्लुक हैं यह मंडल और कमंडल की वजह से हैं और जहां तक गरीब किसानों को जो सहायता देकर के उन्हें यह दिखाना हैं कि यह तुम्हारे खून पसीने से बनाया है। इसलिये मैंने 25 फीसदी उसी इलाके के लोगों के लिये किया हैं, यह भी वहां रहने के लिये, दो दिन वहां जायें बृहस्पति और शुक्रवार को ताकि वह हमें आकर बतायें। आपकी बतायी हुई बात का हमे पता नही चलता, वह सही बात बतायेंगे कारण क्या हैं? कमी क्या है?

श्री सभापति : चौधरी साहब, वह यह कह रहे हैं कि दूसरे जो तल्लुकात इंडस्ट्रियल रिलेशंस हैं उनको इम्प्रूव करने के लिये आप कुछ करेंगे। वहां के जो एम्पलाई हैं उनके साथ सबंध अच्छे नही हैं।

श्री देवी लाल : उनके लिये अच्छे ताल्लुकात रखे जायेंगे हम यही कोशिश करेंगे।

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, it has been announced, as he just now said, that in order to help the farmers, on certain days or in certain costumes like a dhoti, they would get 50 per cent concession Sir, what about sarees? (*Interruptions*) Does the Deputy Prime Minister think that only men should get concession or does he think that women also should get concession in hotels? (*Interruptions*) Let there be no discrimination started on the basis of dhotis and on the basis of costumes Sir, does dhoti include 'lungi' which is used in the south or does in include sari which is used... (*Interruptions*) And what about those who use 'pathanis' as their outfits? How can you charge people on the basis of particular costumes? And why is he so against women going into ITDC hotels with saris or anything else? Secondly, I would like the hon. Minister to realise that the guidelines of the Government itself are that official entertainment shall not take place in 5-star hotels. ITDC hotels were catering to Government guests and official banquets or entertainment. What is happening now is that Government entertainment itself is moving out of ITDC hotels into smaller private hotels because of the 5-star ban The Finance Minister has issued these guidelines. Would the hon. Minister consider exempting ITDC hotels from this ban so that your own hotels, in spite of fall in occupancy, will be able at least to make some profit on account of Government entertainment which is now going to smaller private hotels?

श्री देवी लाल : चेयरमैन साहब; जहां तक धोती और कुर्ते का ताल्लुक हैं और साडी का ताल्लुक हैं, धोती और कुर्ते वालों के साथ साड़ी वाले नहीं आयेंगे, बिकरिए वाले आयेंगे और.... **(व्यवधान)**

श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा : हम अपने आप जाना चाहते हैं, किसी के साथ नहीं जाना चाहते हैं?

श्री देवीलाल वह अपने आप पहचाने जायेंगे।

MR. CHAIRMAN: You go there with a person with a dhoti!

श्री देवी लाल : वहां गांव की जो महिलायें हैं वह अकेली नहीं आती, वह धोती और कुर्ता वाले के साथ लायेंगी और आते ही पता चल जायेगा। इसलिये कोई चिंता नहीं है। हम यह कहें या न कहें। आटोमेटिकली फायदा होगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that the ladies should go with an escort.

श्री देवीलाल : चेयरमैन साहब, इस बारे में.... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Why should we go only with *dhoti-walas*? (*Interruptions*) We want to go on our own. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not understood him He wants to give concession to poorer village people. That is all.

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : अगर कोई लहंगा पहनकर महिला जाना चाहे तो क्या करेगी ?

श्री देवी लाल : चेयरमैन साहब, मैं इस बारे में भी कहता हूं कि इस सवाल को महिलायें बड़े जोरों से उठायेंगी कि देवीलाल महिलाओं के खिलाफ हैं। पहले भी सवाल उठाया था। लेकिन मैं इनको यह याद करा दूं कि पिछली दफा हमारे हरियाणा से यहां तीन रिप्रेजेंटेटिव आये थे। इन तीनों में से दो हमारे आये थे। मैं इस एक्सप्लायटेशन को बन्द करना चाह रहा हूं कि शहर की महिला जाकर के अपनी मर्जी से.... (**व्यवधान**) यह जो धोती और कुर्ते वालों की महिलायें हैं वह वैसे ही आयेंगी और वह अकेली नहीं आती हैं हमारे यहां।

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: What is all this, Sir?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, why is he against women going to a hotel alone? (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir this is not funny This is not a joke. Sir, we object strongly How dare he say this about the women in the town? This is not funny Let him take it back

MR. CHAIRMAN. You have not followed what he said.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Let him take it back.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I did not follow what he said. Have you followed?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN. We followed what he said. We will not allow this on the floor of the Parliament Let him take it back. (*Interruptions*).

श्री सभापति : उनको यह ख्याल है कि आप यह कह रहे हैं कि महिलायें होटल में अकेली नहीं जा सकतीं।

श्री देवी लाल : मैं यह कह रहा हूं कि गांव की महिलायें अकेली नहीं आया करती वह धोती-कुर्ते वालों के साथ ही आया करती हैं.... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN Why should we go along with them? Let him take it back. It is obsolutely atrocious, Sir.

श्री सभापति : महिला मंत्री जवाब दे रही है आप महिला को छुनिये... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री देवी लाल : अकेले आने में कोई मनाही नहीं है। हमारी महिलायें भी इनकी तरह पढ़ लिख जायेंगी, थोड़ी सी सूझ-बूझ हो जायेगी तो वे आयेंगी। मैं इसको बुरा नहीं मानता लेकिन मैं... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN Sir, you tell him to sit down. We do not want to hear what he is saying.

श्री देवी लाल : मैंने यह पहले ही कह दिया था... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: We do not want to hear his views on women.

श्री देवी लाल : मैंने यह पहले ही कह दिया था कि इस बात को एक्सप्लायेट तो करेंगे... (**व्यवधान**) मैंने यह पहले ही कह दिया था कि इस बात को यह एक्सप्लायेट जरूर करेंगी और पहले भी ... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री अरविन्द गणेश कुलकर्णी : यह गाव वाली महिलायें नहीं हैं यह हरियाणवी ... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr Devi Lal is a male chauvinist. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, please expunge whatever the Deputy Prime Minister has said.

श्री देवी लाल : मेरी बहनों को अगर यह बात बुरी लगी हैं तो मैं चाहता हूं कि यह सारे शब्द निकाल दिये जायें।

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, Mr. Devi Lal must know that these are modern mahilas, not the gaonwali mahilas. (*Interruptions*)

श्री सभापति : पहले मंत्री जी को सुनिए, वे क्या कह रहे हैं.... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री देवीलाल : मेरी बात को सुनिए। मैं दो मिनट में आपके सामने सारी बात क्लियर कर दूंगा.... (**व्यवधान**)

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं चाहती हूं कि ये अपने उद्गार वापस ले लें ... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री देवी लाल : मेरे यह कहने से... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : वह क्या कह रहे हैं सुन तो लीजिए.... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री देवी लाल : मेरे कहने की मंशा यह थी कि आजकल पढ़ी लिखी महिलाएं तो बहुत आगे बढ चुकी हैं पर देहात की महिलाएं इतनी आगे नहीं आई है। अगर इसके मतलब को उन्होंने बुरा समझा है, तो मैं अपनी बहनों से कह रहा हूं कि मैं अपने लफ्ज वापस लेता हूं।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, he must apologise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not permitting lady Minister to speak!

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : माननीय सभापति महोदय, बात कुछ और थी पर कहीं और चली गई... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I want to ask a supplementary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, I will not permit.

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : महिलाओं को जहां तक दर्जा देने का सवाल है, प्रश्न यह था कि हमारे जो होटल हैं, उसमें जो गरीब तबके के लोग आते हैं, उनको भी रेस्टोरेंट्स में रिआयत दी जाएगी। कहने का तात्पर्य यह था। इसके पूर्व के प्रश्न के जवाब में यह बताना चाहूंगी कि अभी तक हमारे पर्यटन विभाग में संबंधित कोई कंसलटेटिव कमेटी या एडवाईजरी कमेटी नहीं है। अतः हम एक महीने के अंदर कंसलटेटिव कमेटी और दो महीनों के अंदर एडवाईजरी कमेटी बनाएंगे और उसमें ज्यादा से ज्यादा महिलाओं को रखेंगे ताकि वे एडवाइज दे सकें।

*124. [*The questioner (Shri N. E. Balaram) was absent. For answer vide cols. 32-33 infra*]

*125. [*The questioner (Shri V. Gopalsamy and Shri R. Ganesan were absent. For answer, Vide cols. 32-33 infra*]

Decline in Tourism due to worsening Communal situation

*126. DR G VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the worsening communal situation in the country tourism in places like Agra has suffered severely; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take so that tourism in "Visit India Year" 1991, achieves the expected target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) There has been a decline in foreign tourist traffic to places like Agra during 1990 due to various reasons including communal tensions in some parts of the country

(b) The Government has initiated several measures to augment tourism infrastructural facilities and to improve the image of India in the overseas markets as a holiday destination.